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## Michigan September 1 Crop Forecast

A dry August reduced Michigan corn and soybean yield potential, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. By the end of August, 35 percent of the State was abnormally dry or worse. Even with a dry August, Michigan corn, soybeans, and sugarbeets are faring much better than last year's weather beaten crops.

Highlights of the Crop Production Report which are based on conditions as of September 1 follow:

- The average corn yield in Michigan is expected to be 162 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from the August 1 forecast but up 15 bushels from last year. Production is forecast at 314 million bushels.
- Soybeans are expected to yield an average of 48 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month, but up 7.5 bushels from last year. Production is forecast at 110 million bushels.
- Sugarbeet producers expect a yield of 29.4 tons per acre, down 0.2 tons from last month, but up 0.8 tons per acre from 2019. Limited harvest began in mid-August; the earliest in State history.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2019 - 2020

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Corn, all .....				
Planted .....1,000 acres	2,000	2,300	89,700	92,006
Corn, grain .....				
Harvested .....1,000 acres	1,610	1,940	81,322	83,473
Yield ..... Bushels	147.0	162.0	167.4	178.5
Production ..... 1,000 bu	236,670	314,280	13,617,261	14,899,557
Soybeans .....				
Planted .....1,000 acres	1,760	2,300	76,100	83,825
Harvested .....1,000 acres	1,720	2,290	74,951	83,020
Yield ..... Bushels	40.5	48.0	47.4	51.9
Production ..... 1,000 bu	69,660	109,920	3,552,241	4,312,819
Sugarbeets .....				
Planted .....1,000 acres	146.0	154.0	1,132.0	1,147.9
Harvested .....1,000 acres	145.0	152.0	979.3	1,126.8
Yield ..... Tons	28.6	29.4	29.2	31.2
Production ..... 1,000 tons	4,147	4,469	28,600	35,143